

# HIGHLY SENSATIONAL CHARGES ARE MADE

## SHOOTS HIS BRIDE OF BUT NINE DAYS

Because She Intended to Leave Him for Deceiving Her in Little Things.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 18.—John F. Conard, aged 31, salesman for a local fish company, shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Catharine Conard, 19 years, his bride of nine days at their apartment here today. After the shooting Conard sat down at a writing desk and wrote to his mother, who lives at 808 Buffalo street, Toledo, O., the story of the crime while waiting for the police. He told the police he shot his wife because she had threatened to leave him. He blamed the girl's sister, Mrs. William Alkens, for the trouble.

The sister said Catharine was going to leave Conard because he had lied to her in little things and she feared he would not be true to her. Just before being taken to the police station, Conard went to the bed, where his wife lay, and begged her forgiveness. "Go away," exclaimed the girl. "If I do not die I never want to see you again. My love has turned to hate."

Mrs. Conard was formerly Miss Catharine Reese, daughter of Jacob Reese. Conard came here from Toledo a few months ago.

## YOUNG TAFT

Is a Member of a Large Class Admitted in Ohio to the Practice of Law.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 18.—Among a class of sixty-four young men who were sworn in today in the supreme court as practicing attorneys, one was a son of a former president of the United States and grandson of a member of President Grant's cabinet. Two others were sons of former slaves. Robert Taft, son of former president and grandson of Alphonso Taft, took the oath which was administered by Chief Justice Nichols. Howard Gilliard, messenger to Governor Cox and Samuel Hugman, of Springfield, were the negro members of the class, all of whom recently passed the state bar examination.

## WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Is Endorsed by Resolution by the State Grange of the State of Maine.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 18.—"Votes for women" were endorsed today by the state grange which unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the legislature to submit the question to the people. The organization will ask each legislative nominee to state his position regarding suffrage.

## ANOTHER DINNER

This Time Road Builders Are Given It by City Livery and Sales Concern.

The dinner for the prisoners working on the Stealey Heights road was furnished today by the Clarksburg Livery and Sales Company, of which Dr. T. E. Gore is president. The doctor saw to it personally that an exceptionally good and wholesome meal was furnished to these men, as he is very much interested in this much needed improvement.

## DEGREE WORK

To Be Shown in Moving Pictures to Big Audience of the Maccabees at Fairmont.

FAIRMONT, Dec. 18.—Five hundred Maccabees, delegations from every tent in the northern part of West Virginia, will comprise an audience here tonight for the most novel moving picture exhibition ever held in the state. Strictly secret in nature, the films will depict the degree work of the order, and D. P. Markey, of Detroit, supreme commander of the order, will be present to deliver a lecture and to explain the pictures as they are thrown upon the screen. State Commander C. C. Shover, of Parkersburg, will also be present.

## NOVELTY CONCERT

There will be a novelty concert tonight at the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, colored, by Charles H. W. Miller for the benefit of the church. An excellent program is on. Charles H. W. Miller and Miss Nioma Ambler will appear in their new sketch "Crazyland." It is a scream.

## WOODFORD SENTENCED

A. W. Woodford, tried in the criminal court on a felony charge of breaking into a trunk at the railroad station here and stealing contents therefrom but found guilty of petit larceny, has been sentenced to jail and the roads by Judge James W. Robinson for four months.

## REFORM

Work of the Republican National Committee is Completed at a Meeting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The Republican National Committee last night concluded its labor for reform in procedure, and launched its campaign for a reunion of warring elements by adopting a resolution providing for a radical change in the basis of representation in national nominating conventions which would reduce the quota of southern states from thirty-three to sixteen per cent of the convention's total.

The action of the committee criticized in vigorous terms by several of its members but made unanimous before adjournment, must be endorsed by states entitled to cast a majority of votes in the electoral college before it becomes party law.

In order that such action shall be taken as promptly as possible the committee appointed a sub-committee of three consisting of Charles E. Warren, of Michigan, Senator Borah, of Idaho, and Governor Hatfield, of West Virginia, to prepare an address to the states urging immediate ratification of the proposal.

The address will be drawn up shortly after the Christmas holidays and leading members of the committee expressed the hope that it would be met by early action. Approval by the states will assure a call from the national committee for the national convention of 1916, along the lines laid down last night.

Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Nebraska, South Dakota, Texas and Virginia voted against the resolution. According to figures submitted by the sub-committee the new plan would reduce the total number of delegates from 1,083 as in 1912 to 993. Under it these states would lose delegates: Alabama 9, Arkansas 3, Florida 4, Georgia 10, Illinois 2, Kentucky 1, Louisiana 7, Mississippi 3, New York 4, North Carolina 5, Pennsylvania 1, South Carolina 7, Tennessee 2, Texas 15, Virginia 9, and Hawaii 1.

The southern states would have

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## DEMOCRATS WILL RESORT TO CAUCUS

To Determine What Course Administration Will Pursue on Burleson's Suggestion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Postmaster General Burleson's declaration for the principle of ownership of telegraphs and telephones as outlined in his annual report just made public undoubtedly will be followed by a Democratic caucus in the House in January which will decide how far the project is to be made an administration policy in Congress.

President Wilson has been giving the project careful study but administration supporters say he has not pressed it on Congress at this time because of the enormous expense involved. A preliminary move will be authorized to the postmaster general to make a report on the feasibility of acquiring the lines for a government monopoly.

Representative Lewis, who was foremost among the congressional leaders who worked out the parcel post, had prepared a bill on the new subject but will give way to an administration bill backed by Chairman Moon of the House postoffice committee.

## FUTILE EFFORTS

Are Made by Mexico to Obtain Money in Europe for Purposes of War.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The efforts of the Mexican government to raise money in Europe in order to meet the interest on its obligations falling due in January have thus far been futile. The Paris and London banks which took twenty million dollars of the loan authorized by the Mexican Congress in the spring and an option on the unissued remainder declined to exercise their option even for a few millions.

## WOMAN ON TRIAL

Rebecca Dawson was on trial in the criminal court Thursday, charged with conducting a house of bad repute at Wallace.

## JURY HANGS

A criminal court jury in the case of the state against the Richards Construction Company, tried on a warrant appeal from a justice's court charging that the company polluted Elk creek with sawdust, failed to agree and was discharged.

Against William George, Founder of George Junior Republic at Freeville, N. Y.

HIS MORAL CONDUCT BAD

Testimony in the Investigation Made by Board of Charities is Unprintable.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Removal of William R. George from active participation in the affairs of the George Junior Republic at Freeville, N. Y., founded by him more than ten years ago is recommended by the state board of charities in a report adopted by the board yesterday afternoon and made public today.

George's moral conduct is severely condemned. An investigation begun more than six months ago resulted in the recommendation. More than fifty witnesses in six states were examined with regard to charges of loose living made against George by 3 young women, former members of the republic. The oldest of the charges, dated back to 1904. The most recent was several years ago.

The testimony was unprintable and no verdict as to whether the charges were proved was rendered by the committee under whose direction the investigation was made.

"The character of the principals in these charges would make it impossible to prove them by unimpeachable testimony," said Henry Wise, attorney for the committee. "It is my opinion that no court of law would accept the unsupported word of any of these three girls in a case involving the conduct of a man like George."

Notwithstanding the board strongly condemned the conduct of George in dealing with members of the republic adopting the following resolutions among others: That Mr. William R. George be removed in fact from any connection whatever with the republic as your committee is firmly of the opinion that his usefulness at Freeville has long since ended.

## BABY VERY ILL

Mary Francis Goeke, aged ten months, daughter of Dr. William T. and Mrs. Goeke, of Adamston, is very ill. She has pneumonia. Friends hope the little one will soon be well.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses have been issued to George W. Utterbank and Iva Brown, F. V. Langitt and Veda I. Davis and Lee M. Lake and Edna G. Ligonier.

## HANGS SELF

Editor and Owner of An Illinois Newspaper is Found Lifeless in a Room.

AURORA, Ill., Dec. 18.—Joseph Nolan, editor and owner of the Shabbona Chief, of Shabbona, Ill., was found hanging in a rear room of his plant today by his sixteen-year-old daughter, Blanche. Nolan was accidentally shot in the head by his young son, Harold, in the summer of 1910 and hovered between life and death for months. Since leaving the hospital he had been subject to terrible headaches.

## MEN ARRESTED

By Detectives on a Charge of Attempting to Wreck Passenger Railroad Trains.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—Railroad detectives arrested two men in the yards of the Big Four railroad today with whom they charged they will connect the wreck of the New England express at Wyckville last Friday night on which President A. H. Smith of the New York Central line was a passenger.

The officers further stated that the attempted wreck of the St. Louis express at Lindale last Saturday afternoon and the murderous attack on Big Four detective John Kasamer in the yards here last night were also the work of a gang, of which the men arrested were members.

Kasamer was shot while guarding the new power plant of the company, where labor trouble had been experienced.

## MUST WORK STREETS

Drunks Who Are Unable to Pay Fines Must Clean Street Crossings.

Mayor Will H. Cole has decided that instead of releasing drunks from police court or allowing them to go after working around the police station, that he will order all offenders of this type, who are unable to pay a fine, to work on the streets. This plan was put into effect this morning when four men, in charge of Officer Gill, were put to work cleaning the street crossings on Hickman street.

Jesse F. Randolph was here Thursday from Salem on business.

## DARING ROBBERY IS DONE IN PITTSBURG

### RATIONS

Despatched in Large Quantities and Federals May Attack the Villa Forces.

OJINAGA, Mex., Dec. 18.—The despatch of large quantities of rations across the border from Presidio today following the receipt of urgent messages from the war department at Mexico City, ordering General Mercado to take the offensive against the rebels, gave rise to a belief that the federal troops, which have been entrenched here since their retreat from Chihuahua, were preparing to attack the Villa forces. Mercado had previously stated that unless the rebels attacked Ojinaga soon the federals would leave for the interior. He then announced that he would try to recapture Chihuahua but it is believed here that should be actually assume the aggressive he would more likely move toward Juarez which is less strongly defended. Some of the federal officers expressed the belief that the capture of Juarez would be more advantageous than the capture of Chihuahua on account of its importance as a port of entry.

### OPEN AIR

Christmas Tree Entertainment to Be Given for Children by Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army is arranging to give a large Christmas tree and entertainment to the children in the open air this year. The open air Christmas trees are getting quite popular in the large cities and there is no reason why such an undertaking of this kind should not meet with success in Clarksburg.

Ensign Higgins has a large electrical stereopticon outfit and pictures of Santa Claus and various other Christmas views will be shown. The tree will be beautifully lit with electric lights and decorated with tinsel and various other appropriate decorations. The local Salvationists will appreciate gifts of toys, tree trimmings, candy, oranges, and in fact all gifts that will help gladden the hearts of the unfortunate children of the city.

### PIONEER

Resident Passes on at Home of His Son Near Rockford After Long Illness.

Edward Blake, aged 95 years, a well known retired farmer died at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening at the home of his son Lee Blake, at the old Blake home place near Rockford after a lingering illness of diseases incident to old age.

Mr. Blake who was one of the oldest residents of that section of the state was born and raised near Rockford, in his earlier life he was a well known and prosperous farmer but he had been retired for a long time.

The deceased man is survived by three sons and five daughters. The sons are Lee, William and Dow Blake all living near Rockford. The daughters are Mrs. Marion Post, Mrs. John M. Lewis, Mrs. Alvin Talbot, widow of Marcellus Talbot, Mrs. Mary Romine, widow of Theodore Romine and Mrs. Elizabeth Whitcomb.

The funeral services will be held at the home Friday afternoon and the burial will be in the Rockford cemetery.

### THAT HYSTERIA

Daniels Ranted about is Merely Action in Improving the Currency Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Daniels' speech in New York last night in which he said "the latest exhibition of hysteria is the effort to prevent the passage of the currency bill," brought a reply in the Senate today from Senator Sherman of Illinois.

"The answer to that statement," he said, "is that the House bill as it came back to the Senate has been vastly improved. Our deliberations have not been for the purpose of preventing currency legislation but for the express purpose of improving currency legislation. If this be hysteria then we can well stand for such hysteria."

### MEETING CALLED OFF

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the St. Marks Lutheran church, which was announced for this evening, has been called off and will not be held.

### FINED BY JUSTICE

For offensive conduct on a bank corner, for which he was arrested by a constable, Samuel Darey was fined \$5 and costs Thursday in Justice T. G. Newnam's court. He paid the required sum and was released.

P. W. Sharps, of Buckhannon, is transacting business here.

Thief Cuts Out a Section of a Show Window and Gets Valuables.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 18.—One of the most daring robberies known to the Pittsburgh police was committed early this morning when a thief cut a section out of the show window at the jewelry store of W. W. Wattles and Sons in Wood street. He then pulled the fabric covering the bottom of the window through the hole, bringing with it all the valuables with which the window was decorated. The loss is about \$1,000. Pickpockets have been busy in the city for several days, twenty-two complaints having been made to the police in the last twenty-four hours.

### MARKETS

That Will Compete Are Being Planned by the Farmers' Equity Union.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18.—Cooperative markets, through which produce would be sold direct from the farm to the consumer, are planned by the Farmers' Equity Union, now in session in Kansas City. Delegates from eight of the Middle West states are present. The establishment of a market in Kansas City was the proposal under consideration today. So far the union has devoted most of its efforts to acquiring elevators and selling the grain of its members direct to the millers.

### RAPIDLY

Growing is Membership in the New Clarksburg Masonic Club.

The membership of the Clarksburg Masonic Club is growing rapidly and it now totals 175 while applications are being received daily. At a business meeting of the club just held, more than 100 candidates were admitted to membership, which with the charter membership brought the total up to 175, and since then about twenty-five applications have been received. Much interest is being taken in the new organization and there is a large attendance daily at the elegant new club rooms in the Masonic temple.

Judge George W. Farr was a visitor here from West Union Thursday.

## WARRANTS ISSUED FOR FIFTEEN MEN

### TROOPERS

Are to Be Arrested If They Disobey Any of the Burrough Ordinances.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 18.—Troopers of the state constabulary were the only passengers on the trolley cars of the West Penn railway as they passed over the Natrona division today. None of the 75,000 persons inconvenienced by the strike of thirty-four motormen and conductors patronized the line. Henry Zimmerman, burgess of Tarentum, one of the towns affected, ordered the local police to watch the troopers carefully and make arrests if they disobeyed any of the borough ordinances.

### CURRENCY BILL

Undergoes Another Modification in the United States Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Another modification of the currency bill to permit clearing house associations to continue their present systems of bank examination and report has been agreed upon. Protests from clearing house associations in Los Angeles, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Columbus and other cities saying the usefulness of that association would be destroyed under the restrictions of the bill caused the change. The Senate debate continued today with a limit of fifteen minutes for each senator.

### JOINT KEEPER

Is Killed and Two Other Men Are Wounded in Fight at City Hall.

BONNER SPRINGS, Kan., Dec. 18.—Rolla Harvey, an alleged bootlegger, was killed and two other men were wounded here today in a fight that ensued when a posse of fifteen men surrounded the city hall building on the second floor of which Harvey was suspected of conducting a joint. More than fifty shots were fired.

Woodford T. Robinson, of Philippi, is in the city on a brief visit.

## OPINION HANDED DOWN IN A CASE

### TO APPEAL

To the President of the United States in the Case of Young Liddle.

[By Charles Brooks Smith.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—"It seems to me that our great government can better spare the services of this young man than can his family, and it is necessary, General, I am going to take the matter to the president. Surely the urgent circumstances of this case will appeal to his common-sense and his sympathies to the extent that the rule which you say you cannot violate, might be made a little more elastic in cases like this." Thus spoke Congressman Sutherland to General Wood at the conclusion of the second conference relating to the case of Private Robert C. Liddle, Co. B. 18 Inf., now on duty on the Texas border. Liddle is a young man, whose home is at Eckman, McDowell county, and who enlisted in the army less than a year ago. Since his enlistment, a shocking accident befell his father, a miner, rendering him not only unable to contribute to the support of his wife and several young children, but adding a heavy burden to his cares. The family is in distress, and the son, himself a miner, is not only ready and willing to return home and work in the mines, and provide support for his parents and their family, but is anxious to do so. But the army regulations stand as a barrier.

There is a mass of evidence from mine officials and neighbors testifying to the truth of this pathetic story, in the possession of Congressman Sutherland. He has made every effort to get young Liddle discharged from the army, and will continue to do so, even if he has to turn at last to President Wilson to grant his petition. The case has touched the sympathies of the congressman-at-large strangely, and he is leaving nothing undone to bring the case to a successful and satisfactory conclusion just as soon as possible.

### McCLOUD IS ACQUITTED

P. W. McCloud, who was tried Wednesday in Justice T. G. Newnam's court on a charge of procuring women for immoral purposes, was acquitted of the charge Thursday when the justice decided the evidence in the case was not sufficient to warrant action by the grand jury. The justice had reserved his decision. McCloud was released from jail.

## WARRANTS ISSUED FOR FIFTEEN MEN

In Connection with the Street Carmen's Strike in Cincinnati Last Spring.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.—The street car strike in this city last spring was recalled today when fifteen warrants were sworn out in police court for men who are alleged to have been involved in the assault on a street car from the twenty-ninth floor of a building on May 1 last.

At that time barrels of cement, huge stones and pieces of steel were hurled from the sky scraper upon a car that was manned by non-union men. The car was crushed but almost miraculously the crew and the policemen riding on it escaped injury.

Mayor Hunt at the time started detectives working on the case and the warrants today were the result of more than seven months of tracing.

The names of the men mentioned in the warrants were kept secret but it is said that arrests are expected soon in this city, Detroit and St. Louis. The warrants charge assault to kill and assault on a street car, both felonies in this state.

### MISSIONARY

Program is to be Rendered at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Colored, Here.

The following missionary program will be given at the Mt. Zion Baptist church, colored, Friday evening:

Instrumental solo—Mrs. Higgenbottom. Recitation—Frances Hill. Recitation—Miss Eney Waddy. Solo—Mrs. Lillie Patton. Essay—Mrs. Mattie Hill. Female bass solo—Mrs. D. P. Mitchell. Selection—Mrs. Orithelia Jordan. Solo—Miss Willie Lee. Recitation—Mrs. M. L. Johnson. Recitation—Miss Dollie Kenney. Solo—Celestine Crutcher. Addresses by Mrs. Edna Yates and Ida S. Alston.

### SIX DRUNKS

There were six drunks arraigned before Mayor Will H. Cole in police court this morning. Two of them paid fines while the remaining four were put to work cleaning street crossings for the day.

Lehman Maxwell and daughter were here Thursday from West Union.

Of Thomas Dickey by Judge James W. Robinson of the Criminal Court.

AFTER A CAREFUL STUDY

Holds That Justices of the Peace Have Jurisdiction in Anti-Weapon Cases.

In holding that justices of the peace have jurisdiction in cases involving first violations of the state anti-weapon law, Judge James W. Robinson of the criminal court delivered the following opinion:

The petitioner, Thomas Dickey, was arrested on the 14th day of October, 1913, upon a warrant issued by a justice of the peace upon a complaint charging him with violating the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 148 of the Code as amended and re-enacted by the acts of 1909.

The petitioner was tried by the justice upon the complaint and warrant, adjudged guilty, was fined fifty dollars and was sentenced to imprisonment for a period of six months in the jail of Harrison county, and was required to labor upon the roads of said county during said imprisonment.

The petitioner alleges in his petition that he is illegally detained and restrained of his liberty. In support of his complaint, three separate grounds are assigned, viz: that a trial had before the justice issued was not joined; that the judgment made and entered by the justice is vague and indefinite and not authorized by law; and that the justice did not have jurisdiction over the subject matter.

The first ground relates to a mere irregularity in the proceedings in the justice's court and is properly correctable on appeal.

"The remedy for mere error in proceedings of a court of competent jurisdiction is by writ of error or appeal, and not by writ of habeas corpus." Ex. Parte Evans 42, W. Va. 242, Ex. Parte Mooney 26 W. Va. 36.

As to the second ground I am unable to find from an inspection of the judgment entered by the justice that it exceeds that authorized by law. It is true that the wording of the judgment is somewhat crude, but it is sufficiently clear to inform the petitioner the amount of fine he is to pay and the number of months he is to serve in jail.

It is provided in respect to justice's dockets by Section 180 of Chapter 50 of the Code, that "So far as the entries in the docket are concerned, the form shall be regarded immaterial, if the truth be stated so as to be intelligible."

For construction of section see Davis vs. Trapp, 43 W. Va. 191.

The third ground assigned by the petitioner affords a larger latitude for contention than those just discussed. The question as to whether justices have jurisdiction of offenses committed in violation of section 7 of Chapter 148 of the Code, as amended and re-enacted by the Act of 1909, has been a mooted one ever since said section was amended and re-enacted. There appears to be no unanimity of opinion among the several judges of the criminal and circuit courts in construing this act. In some jurisdictions it is held that justices have jurisdiction, and in others a contrary opinion prevails, and until the supreme court shall have finally determined the question, judges will no doubt continue to hold different opinions as to the proper construction of the act.

However, Judge Charles W. Lynch, former judge of this judicial circuit, and now member of the supreme court of appeals, passed upon the question here involved as early as the 26th day of June, 1909, in the case of Joseph E. Henline, upon a writ of habeas corpus from Lewis county, in which he held that justices were not divested of jurisdiction to try and determine a first offense committed in violation of the provisions of said section 7. A like proceeding was brought some months later before Judge Raymond Maxwell of the criminal court of this county, now judge of the judicial circuit, in which he likewise held that justices have jurisdiction of first offenses committed in violation of said section. Hence there has been no difference of opinion as to the construction to be placed upon said section in this judicial circuit up to this time.

A study of the history of legislation in respect to the jurisdiction of justices discloses that originally justices had jurisdiction in criminal cases only wherein the punishment was limited by law to a fine not exceeding ten dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding ten days, and it was expressly provided that he should not have jurisdiction to try a case and render judgment if either fine or imprisonment exceed ten dollars or ten days. Acts 1872-3, 1881, 1882.

By an act of the legislature of 1891, by sub-section 6 of section 218 of chapter 50, justices were expressly given jurisdiction to try and determine the guilt or innocence of persons accused of carrying about their person revolvers or other dangerous and deadly weapons specifically mentioned and set forth in section 7 of chapter 148. When this act was passed it provided a penalty of a fine not less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred dollars, and at the discretion of the court by confinement in jail not less than one nor more than twelve months. The

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